

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No. 4240-040041
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	Title "SUSPENDED CEILING SYSTEM"
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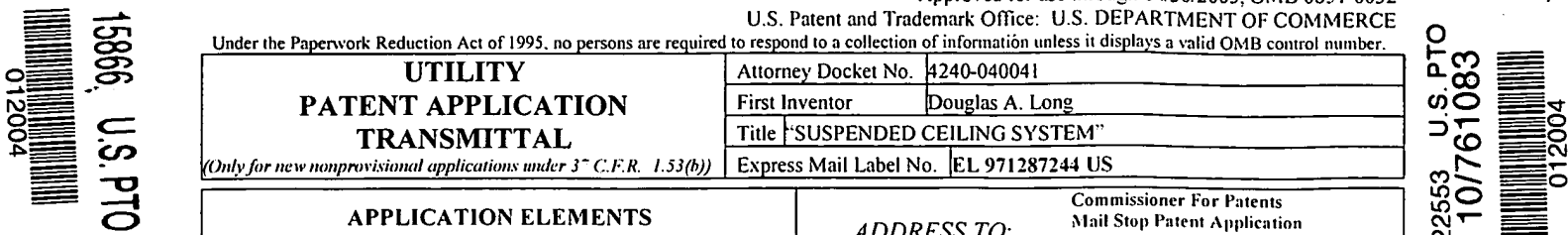
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Entitled: **"SUSPENDED CEILING SYSTEM"**

**Small Entity Status:**

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Enclosed are: ☒ 14 pages of Specification (comprising 3 pages of Claims and a 1 page Abstract)  
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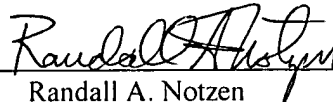
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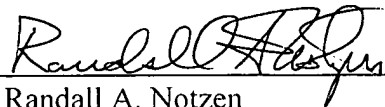
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